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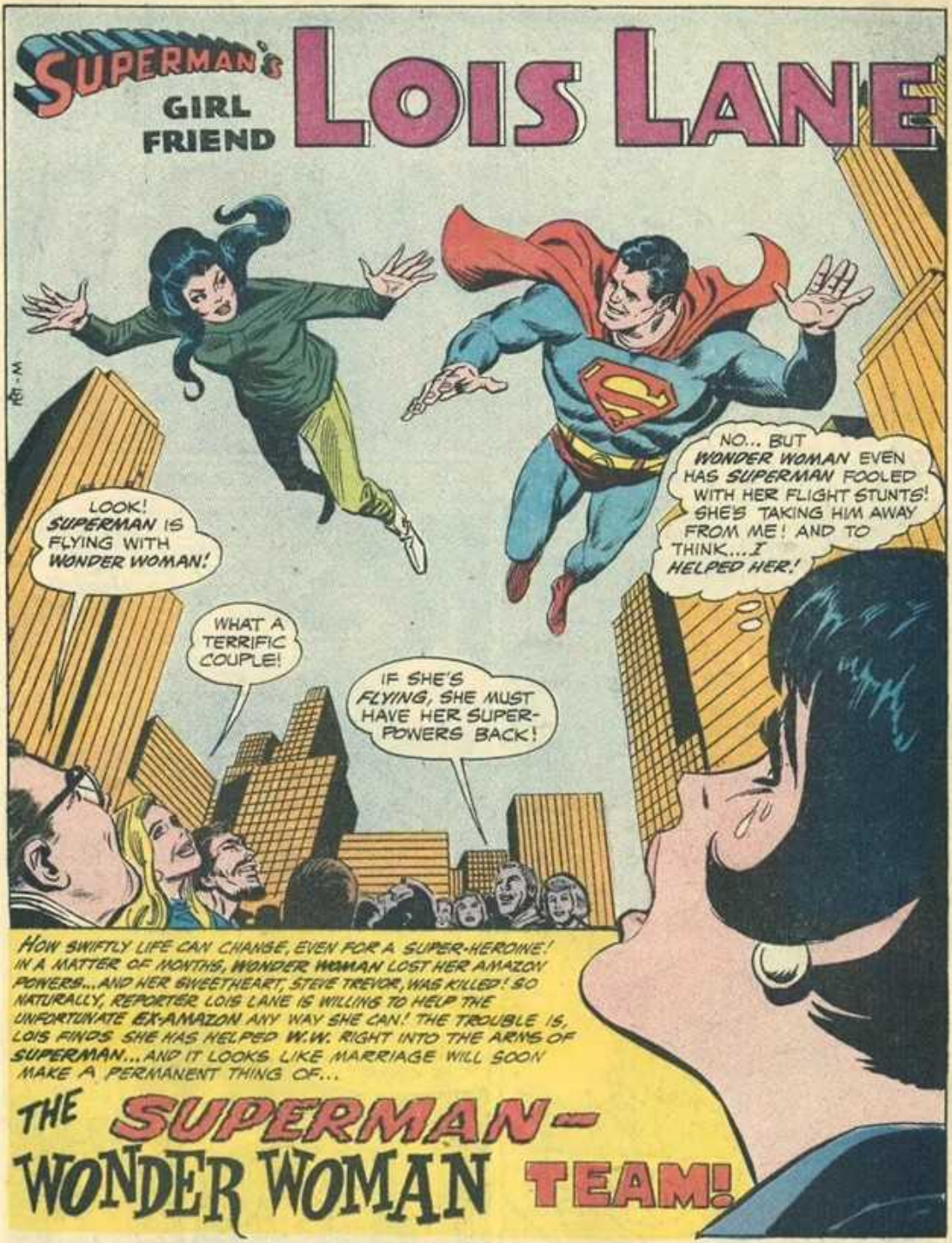
SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE
LOOK! SUPERMAN IS FLYING WITH WONDER WOMAN!
WHAT A TERRIFIC COUPLE!
IF SHE'S FLYING, SHE MUST HAVE HER SUPER-POWERS BACK!
NO... BUT WONDER WOMAN EVEN HAS SUPERMAN FOOLED WITH HER FLIGHT STUNTS! SHE'S TAKING HIM AWAY FROM ME! AND TO THINK... I HELPED HER!
HOW SWIFTLY LIFE CAN CHANGE, EVEN FOR A SUPER-HEROINE! IN A MATTER OF MONTHS, WONDER WOMAN LOST HER AMAZON POWERS... AND HER SWEETHEART, STEVE TREVOR, WAS KILLED! SO NATURALLY, REPORTER LOIS LANE IS WILLING TO HELP THE UNFORTUNATE EX-AMAZON ANY WAY SHE CAN! THE TROUBLE IS, LOIS FINDS SHE HAS HELPED W.W. RIGHT INTO THE ARMS OF SUPERMAN... AND IT LOOKS LIKE MARRIAGE WILL SOON MAKE A PERMANENT THING OF...
THE SUPERMAN—WONDER WOMAN TEAM!

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LIKE MILLIONS OF GIRLS, LOIS LANE DREAMS OF HER IDEAL MAN--ONLY IN HER CASE, IT'S A SUPER-DREAM!
OH, SUPERMAN, DARLING! YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL ON EARTH!
BUT A DREAM IS LIKE A COIN--AND THE REVERSE SIDE IS A NIGHTMARE!
OH, SUPERMAN, DARLING! BY MARRYING WONDER WOMAN-- YOU'VE MADE ME THE UNHAPPIEST GIRL ON EARTH!
SO YOU CAN IMAGINE THE BURSTING JOY LOIS FELT, WHEN...
WONDER WOMAN CAN'T BE MY RIVAL NOW! SHE'S BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO AN ORDINARY MORTAL... WITHOUT HER AMAZON POWERS!
NOW SUPERMAN WON'T MARRY HER--FOR THE SAME REASON HE WON'T MARRY ME! SO HIS ENEMIES WON'T TAKE VENGEANCE BY KILLING HIS WIFE!
THE NEW WONDER WOMAN
AND SO, AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE, ONE DAY, AS LOIS WATCHES A NEWSCAST WITH CLARK KENT...
I APPEAL TO SUPERMAN TO JOIN ME IN PUTTING ON A ONE-MAN, ONE-WOMAN CIRCUS, FOR CHARITY!
A SENSATIONAL IDEA, ISN'T IT, CLARK?
A NEWS GUSHER, LOIS!
WHAT WOULD LOIS SAY IF SHE KNEW I, SECRETLY, AM SUPERMAN?
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AS EDITOR PERRY WHITE CHIMES IN...
THIS ISN'T YOUR CUP OF TEA, CLARK! LOIS WILL COVER THE SUPERMAN-WONDER WOMAN CIRCUS YARN! PICTURES AND COPY!
THAT WILL SIMPLIFY MY CHANGING TO SUPERMAN--TO JOIN WONDER WOMAN!
I'M GOING TO LOVE THIS ASSIGNMENT! THOSE TWO SHOULD MAKE QUITE A TEAM!
GAILY, LOIS CONTACTS DIANA PRINCE, THE NEW WONDER WOMAN, AT HER MOD BOUTIQUE...
LOIS, YOU KNOW I DON'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS ANY MORE! BUT I MUST BE ABLE TO FLY FOR MY ACT WITH SUPERMAN! WILL YOU HELP ME? FOR CHARITY?
SURE! WHAT CAN I DO, DIANA?
YOU KNOW THE CURATOR OF THE METROPOLIS SCIENCE MUSEUM! COULD YOU PERSUADE HIM TO LOAN ME THE PRICELESS MERCURY STONE HE HAS IN HIS VAULT? WITH THAT UNDER MY BELT, I COULD DEFY GRAVITY, LIKE SUPERMAN!
AND KEEP IT A SECRET! WE'LL SURPRISE SUPERMAN!
LEAVE IT TO ME, DIANA!
ON THE DAY OF THE CIRCUS...
I DON'T KNOW HOW WONDER WOMAN WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM SENSATIONAL FEATS WITHOUT SUPER-POWERS!
PSST! HERE'S THE MERCURY STONE, DIANA!
THANKS, LOIS! WITH THIS, I CAN FLY LIKE A BIRD!
AS THE MAN OF STEEL AND THE EX-AMAZON FACE EACH OTHER ACROSS THE DIZZY CHASM OF SPACE...
HOW WILL YOU DO THIS AERIAL ACT WITH ME, WONDER WOMAN... WITHOUT TRAPEZES OR A NET?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, SUPERMAN! I STILL HAVE A FEW CARDS UP MY SLEEVE!
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IN GASPING ASTONISHMENT, THE FLABBERGASTED AUDIENCE WATCHES SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN LAUNCH THEMSELVES INTO THIN AIR...
THERE THEY GO! STARTING OFF WITH TRIPLE SOMERSAULTS!
SHE'LL FALL TO HER DEATH... UNLESS SUPERMAN CATCHES HER!
ONLY DIANA AND I KNOW WHAT'S COMING!
AND THE RED-AND-BLUE SUPER-ACROBAT IS STARTLED AS... WITH THE AIRY AGILITY OF A BIRD..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT FALLING, DIANA! I'LL CATCH YOU! GREAT KRYPTON! YOU'RE FLYING!
SURE, SUPERMAN! I'LL TELL YOU LATER HOW I DO IT! LET'S GIVE THEM THE SHOW OF THEIR LIVES!
THUNDEROUS CHEERS RIP FROM THE THRILLED THRONG AS THE DAZZLING DUO PERFORMS ONE HEART-STOPPING STUNT AFTER ANOTHER!
I CAN SEE YOU WITH MY X-RAY VISION, WONDER WOMAN! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THIS SUPER!
ONLY YOU COULD INSPIRE ME TO SOAR TO SUCH HEIGHTS, SUPERMAN! AND I'VE JUST BEGUN!

AS THE BREATH-TAKING AERIALISTS FINISH THEIR TITANIC TUMBLING THROUGH SHEER SPACE...
SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN ARE FABULOUS!
THE SENSATION OF THE AGE!
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE! HE SHOULD MARRY HER!
BUT HE WON'T! SHE'S AN ORDINARY GIRL--LIKE ME, NOW... EVEN IF SHE HAS FOOLED THESE FOLKS WITH THE MERCURY STONE!
YET THE FIRST STABS OF JEALOUSY NEEDLE THE GIRL REPORTER, AS...
KISS HER, SUPERMAN! KISS WONDER WOMAN!
WONDER WOMAN?
THEY'RE KISSING... IN ANSWER TO THE CROWD'S DEMANDS!... BUT... IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT DOESN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING--!
MY PLEASURE, SUPERMAN! MMMM!
YET LOIS CANNOT CONTROL HER ANXIOUS HEART...AND THAT NIGHT...IN A DISTURBING DREAM...
OHHH, NO, SUPERMAN! YOU CAN'T BE IN LOVE WITH HER!
NO--NO! YOU MUSTN'T MARRY HER!
NO--! NOW SHE'S HIS WIFE... THE MOTHER OF HIS SUPER-SON!
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LOIS' TEARS WAKE HER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M CRYING! IT WAS JUST A SILLY DREAM! WONDER WOMAN HAS NO DESIGNS ON SUPERMAN! AND I KNOW HE LOVES ME!
BUT, AT THE DAILY PLANET, THAT MORNING...
YOUR SHOTS AND STORY OF SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN MAKE REAL HOT COPY, LOIS! THEY'VE GIVEN ME A SENSATIONAL IDEA! YOU'LL DO A SERIES ON THEIR PRIVATE LIVES!
W-WHY ME? I THINK CLARK WOULD DO A BETTER JOB!
HOWEVER, CLARK HAS OVERHEARD THE CONVERSATION, AND...
I CAN'T BE CLARK KENT AND SUPERMAN AT THE SAME TIME, AND FOLLOW MYSELF AROUND!
I AGREE WITH PERRY, LOIS! THIS STORY NEEDS A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW! YOU'RE PERFECT FOR IT!
NATURALLY! THAT'S WHY I PICKED HER! IT'S YOUR ASSIGNMENT, LOIS!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? WHY DOES MY HEART ACHE SO? I CAN'T BE JEALOUS OF SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN! THEY'RE REALLY NOT AN ITEM! AND SHE WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HURT ME!
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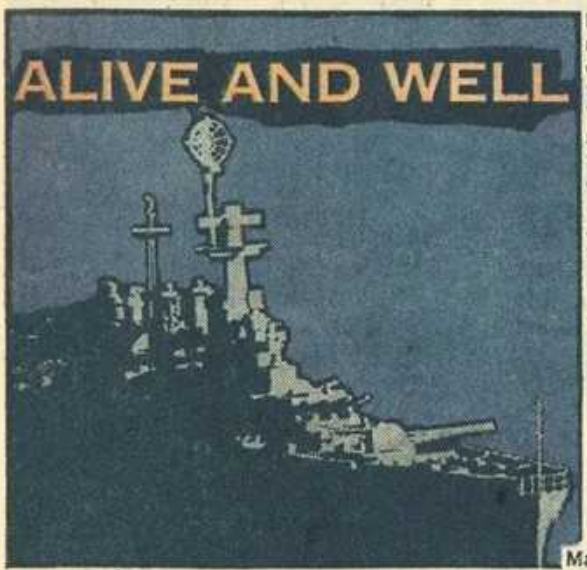
WOULDN'T SHE, LOIS? WAIT UNTIL PART II... AND YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR MIND!



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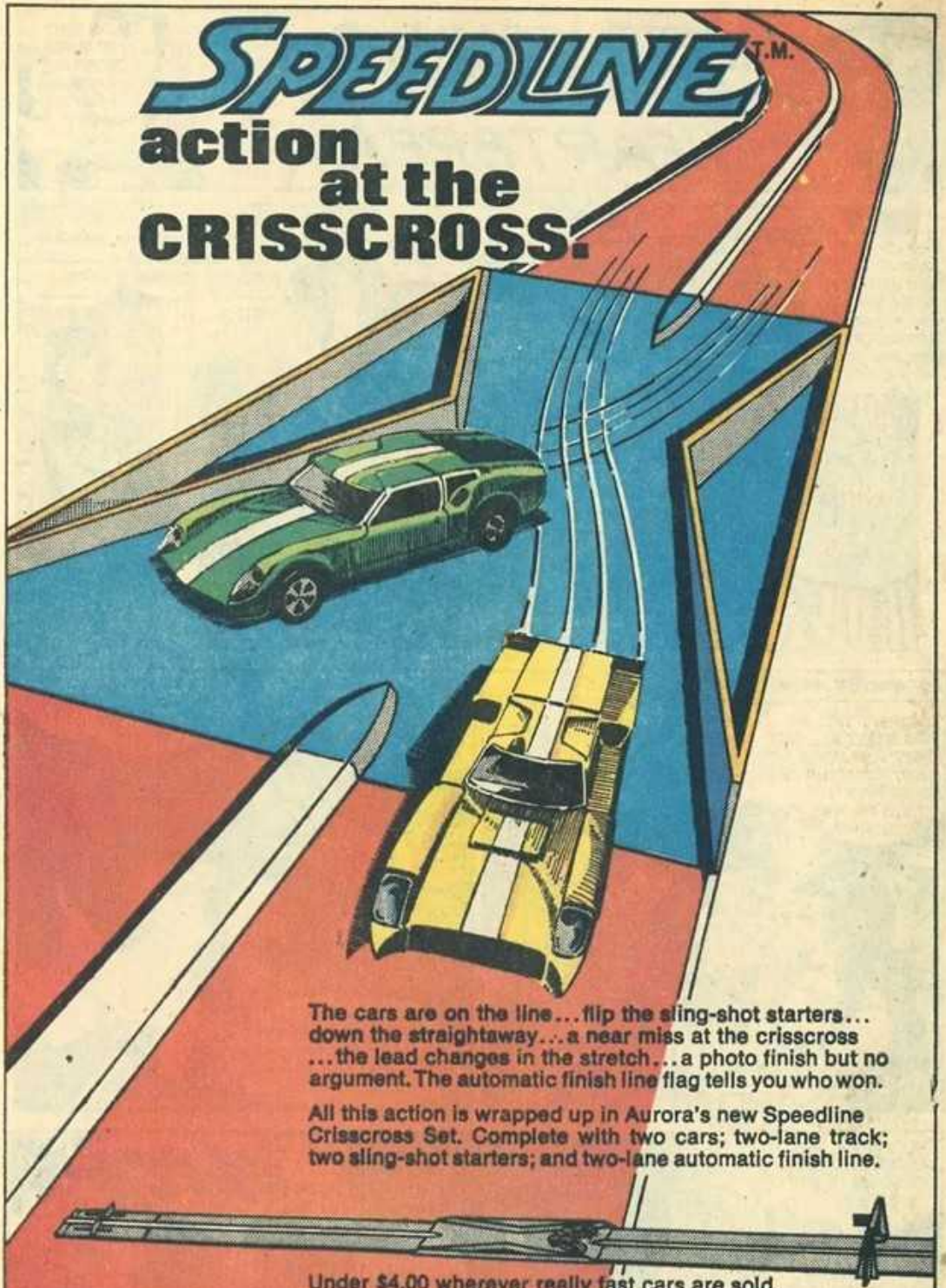

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PART II - LOIS LANE IN:
"ASSIGNMENT: HEARTBREAK!"
AND SO LOIS STARTS ON HER STORY WITH A VISIT TO DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE'S MOD BOUTIQUE, WHERE...
SUPERMAN--YOU LOOK REAL GROOVY!
SORRY, DI! THIS WIG ISN'T MY BAG! IT WOULD ADD TO MY WIND RESISTANCE WHEN I'M FLYING! OH-ER-HELLO, LOIS!
DON'T MIND ME! I'M JUST HERE TO DO A JOB!
BUT WONDER WOMAN IS NOT DETERRED..
NOW DON'T TELL ME THIS BEAUTIFUL SOUL SHIRT AND NECKLACE DON'T PUT YOU IN ORBIT, SUPERMAN! LOIS--WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THEY PUT HIM IN OUTER SPACE, ALL RIGHT!
BUT THEY JUST AREN'T MY THING! I'LL STICK TO MY REGULAR COSTUME! MAYBE I'M JUST OLD-FASHIONED!
SO HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING REALLY OLD-FASHIONED, WONDER WOMAN? LIKE GOING FOR A WALK?
WITH YOU, IT WOULD BE A REAL GROOVE, SUPERMAN! WOULDN'T IT, LOIS?
IF YOU SAY SO! I'M JUST HERE TO RECORD YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR POSTERITY! AND TO TAKE CANDID PHOTOS!
THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SO CANDID! SMILING AT EACH OTHER AS IF I DIDN'T EXIST!
AND WHY DID HE HAVE TO PUT HIS ARM AROUND HER? DOES HE THINK I'M MADE OF STEEL?
CLICK
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NEXT, LOIS ACCOMPANIES THE TIRELESS TWOSOME TO THE MONKEY'S PAW EAST, DISCOTHEQUE, WHERE SHE DEJECTEDLY SURVEYS THE FESTIVITIES...
SUPERMAN MUST BE UNDER WONDER WOMAN'S SPELL! TO BE DANCING "FROGGIE UNDERWATER" WITH HER IN A HIPPIE JOINT!
BUT AS HE DOES A SOLO, THE SUPER-FRICTION OF THE MAN OF STEEL'S DANCING FEET ALMOST GIVES LOIS A BLAZING HEADLINE...
GOOD HEAVENS! SUPERMAN'S SETTING THE FLOOR ABLAZE!
RATATATATAT
WITH AN EXPLOSIVE BURST OF SUPER-BREATH...
DID I GOOF! I CAN'T FORGET MYSELF FOR AN INSTANT!
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH BEING SUPER! I CAN'T RELAX LIKE ORDINARY PEOPLE!
FWOOOF!
LATER, OUTSIDE...
WHY SHOULDN'T THEY BE DELUGED BY AUTOGRAPH HOUNDS? THEY ARE THE MOST CELEBRATED COUPLE IN THE WORLD! HOW CAN I COMPETE WITH HER?
THE MOURNFUL LOIS' HEART IS WRENCHED WHEN...
SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN HAVE STARS IN THEIR EYES! WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?
Y-YOU MEAN MARRY? I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
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CALLING MEMBERS OF THE MIGHTY Z PATROL
IT'S THE MAYOR, HE HAS A PROBLEM!
LET'S GO!
PUSH THOSE PEDALS!
MAY DAY!
ALL THE POLICE ARE OUT ON A BANK ROBBERY CALL AND THERE IS NO ONE TO ESCORT THE BIG U.S. HERO PARADE!!
DON'T FEAR...
THE MIGHTY... Z PATROL IS HERE!
WHAT STYLE!
WHAT PERFORMANCE!
WOW, SHOCK ABSORBERS!
THOSE CYCLES LOOK LIKE GEORGE BARRIS JOBS!
FOILED AGAIN!
THANKS TO THE MIGHTY Z PATROL, IT WAS THE BEST PARADE EVER, EVEN THOUGH PARADE-HATER-HORACE TURNED IN A FALSE ALARM TO SPOIL THE PARADE!
WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT OUR IVERSONS.
I HATE PARADES
EXTRA LONG SADDLE WITH HEADREST
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5 SPEED STICK
REAR HUB WHEEL
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THEN, THE CELEBRATED COUPLE WINGS UPWARD...
LET'S SHAKE THE CROWD, SUPERMAN! WE'LL FIND A LITTLE PLACE IN THE SKY FOR US--WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE!
I KNOW YOU ONLY USED TO BE ABLE TO GLIDE ON AIR CURRENTS! I CAN'T GET OVER THE WAY YOU FLY SO EASILY!

LATER, AS LOIS WANDERS THROUGH THE CITY...
SALON OF SWING!
LADIES! DON'T BE A PUNY VIOLET! MY SWING WILL TRANSFORM YOU INTO A WONDER WOMAN WITH HIS SPECIAL COURSE IN ACROBATICS, KARATE AND JUDO!
HMM--IF ANYONE NEEDS TO BE TRANSFORMED--IT'S ME! I'M ENROLLING!

SEEMS SILLY! IT CAN'T WORK! I'M HOPELESS! BUT I CAN TRY!

SOON, LOIS IS PLUNGED INTO THE MOST ARDUOUS TRAINING...
HIGHER!--HIGHER!

LIFT!--LIFT!

AFTER INTENSIVE INSTRUCTION...
WHY--I--I CAN REALLY THROW YOU! YOUR SYSTEM SURE WORKS!
UGHHHH--THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!
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EVEN IN HER NIGHTLY DREAMS, LOIS CONTINUES PRACTICING...
CRACK!
THINK OF YOURSELF AS A WONDER WOMAN! THINK OF YOUR HAND AS IRON! THINK! STRIKE!
I'M READY! READY TO BEAT WONDER WOMAN!
IN HER DREAMS, WHEN LOIS BATTLES DIANA PRINCE, SHE OVERHEARS SUPERMAN'S OUTCRY OF SURPRISE...
I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT-- IF I HADN'T SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES! LOIS HAS BECOME A BETTER WONDER WOMAN THAN THE ORIGINAL!
I-I'M SORRY, DIANA! BUT SUPERMAN'S MY WHOLE LIFE! I-I HAD TO BEAT YOU-SO YOU WOULD GIVE HIM UP!
IF I HAD TO LOSE HIM--I'M GLAD IT WAS TO YOU, LOIS!
WHEN LOIS' DREAM ENDS...
I WISH IT WEREN'T WONDER WOMAN I HAVE TO BEAT FOR SUPERMAN! BUT ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR! AND I DO LOVE HIM!

THE NEXT DAY...
I KNOW YOU LOVE SUPERMAN, LOIS! BUT-WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS, WITH BOTH OF US WANTING HIM! WE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE IT OUT RIGHT NOW!
I MUST WARN YOU, WONDER WOMAN! I'VE PRACTICED FOR THIS DAY! I'VE MASTERED KARATE AND JUDO!

VERY SPORTING OF YOU TO TELL ME, LOIS! BUT I'M NOT BAD AT ORIENTAL COMBAT TECHNIQUES... THANKS TO MY TUTOR, I CHING!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE STARTING ABOUT EVEN! GOOD LUCK AND MAY THE BEST...

EVEN BEFORE SHE FINISHES SPEAKING, LOIS FINDS HERSELF IN THE GRIP OF A HUMAN HURRICANE, WHO TOSSES HER ABOUT AS IF SHE WERE A CHILD'S TOY...

AGAIN AND AGAIN THE OVERWHELMED LOIS IS WHIPPED THROUGH THE AIR, UNTIL...
PLEASE...PLEASE...HELP ME GET UP...OR I'LL LOSE SUPERMAN!
I FEEL AS IF...I'D BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!
I'M NUMB...NEARLY PARALYZED.. CAN'T LIFT A FINGER...FOR THE MAN I LOVE!
MAYBE WONDER WOMAN CAN FLY NOW! AND SHE'S MIGHTY POWERFUL! BUT-SHE'S STILL NO SUPER-BEING WHOM SUPERMAN WILL WANT TO MARRY!
HIGH IN THE AIR...
DIANA, I WISH YOU WERE SUPER-STRONG AND INVULNERABLE, SO MY ENEMIES COULDN'T HARM YOU!
JUST PROJECT THE FULLEST INTENSITY OF YOUR X-RAY VISION ON THIS AMAZON RING! YOU'LL BE SURPRISED TO SEE HOW THE VIBRATIONS AFFECT MY MOLECULAR STRUCTURE!
AS THE ACTION ACE FOCUSES HIS X-RAY VISION ON THE RING...
I FEEL SUPER-STRONG ALREADY!
FEELINGS DON'T COUNT! I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE A DEMONSTRATION!
SWIFTLY, THE COUPLE PATROLS THE AIRWAYS... UNTIL...OVER THE DESERT...
NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SO FAR--TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO TEST MY STRENGTH!
THAT'S HOW IT IS SOME DAYS! NO EXCITEMENT! AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN--THE SKY SEEMS TO FALL IN ON YOU!
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AT THE METROPOLIS TRACKING CENTER...
I MAY BE EARTH-BOUND! BUT THIS CENTER CAN KEEP TRACK OF SUPERMAN AND WONDER WOMAN ON MONITOR SCREENS SUPERMAN HIMSELF BUILT!

I CAN BREATHE EASY! WONDER WOMAN STILL HASN'T DEMONSTRATED ANY SUPER-POWERS! BUT I'LL KEEP MY FINGERS CROSSED JUST THE SAME!

SHORTLY, NEAR A LAUNCHING SITE...
MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS A DISASTER IN THE MAKING BELOW THE CLOUDS! A TRUCK HAULING A GIANT ROCKET IS OUT OF CONTROL! ITS BRAKES HAVE FAILED!

IF THAT ROCKET CRASHES--IT WILL BE A TREMENDOUS LOSS TO AMERICA! I MUST CATCH IT!
RELAX, SUPERMAN! I'LL HANDLE IT!

IS THE EX-AMAZON'S BOAST A VAIN ONE?
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BEFORE THE MAN OF STEEL'S TENSE GAZE...
WONDER WOMAN'S DIVING IN FRONT OF THE TOPPLING ROCKET! SHE'S THROWING HERSELF AGAINST ITS CRUSHING WEIGHT!
GREAT MOONS! WONDER WOMAN'S DISPLAYING FANTASTIC STRENGTH...HOLDING UP THE ENORMOUS WEIGHT OF THE ROCKET!
WITH A TOUCH AS PRECISE AS A JEWELER'S SCALE, SUPERMAN BRINGS THE RUNAWAY TRUCK TO A STOP, WITHOUT A JAR, AS...
TERRIFIC! SHE'S REPLACING THAT 20-STORY ROCKET AS IF IT WERE A FEATHER!
NASA
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BRAVO, DIANA! YOU'RE A PILLAR OF POWER! BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T PROVED THAT YOU'D BE INVULNERABLE!
THE DAY ISN'T OVER YET, SUPERMAN!

AT THE TRACKING CENTER, LOIS' HEART SINKS...
CAN WONDER WOMAN'S LOVE FOR SUPERMAN HAVE RESTORED HER AMAZON POWERS? NO! --NO!-- I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I MUSTN'T!
MEANWHILE, AS THE FLYING COUPLE CIRCLES OVER FROZEN WASTELANDS...
LOOK AT THAT U.N. PATROL PLANE... BEING TOSSED ABOUT BY A POCKET OF TURBULENT AIR!
SUDDENLY..
THE TURBULENCE HAS SHAKEN AN ATOMIC BOMB LOOSE!
DON'T FRET, SUPERMAN! I'LL HANDLE IT THE WAY I DID THE ROCKET!
I MISSED IT!
WONDER WOMAN'S DISAPPEARED! I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HER GO AFTER THAT BOMB! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR HER DEATH!
KA-AAM
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BUT, OUT OF THE MUSHROOM CLOUD..
WONDER WOMAN! YOU SURVIVED THAT HOLOCAUST! THAT MEANS YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO ANY WEAPON! I NEEDN'T WORRY NOW ABOUT ANY VILLAIN THREATENING YOU BECAUSE OF ME!
I'M HAPPY YOU'RE SEEING THINGS MY WAY, SUPERMAN!

AT THE MONITOR, LOIS IS STUNNED..
HOW CAN WONDER WOMAN EMERGE UNSCRATCHED FROM THAT EARTH-SHAKING EXPLOSION? EVEN AS AN AMAZON, SHE WASN'T THAT SUPER! HMMM-- I'D BETTER CONTACT JIMMY OLSEN!

SHORTLY..
JIMMY! FOR MY SAKE, AND SUPERMAN'S, I HAVE TO BORROW SOMETHING FROM YOUR COLLECTION OF SUPERMAN SOUVENIRS!
JUST NAME IT!
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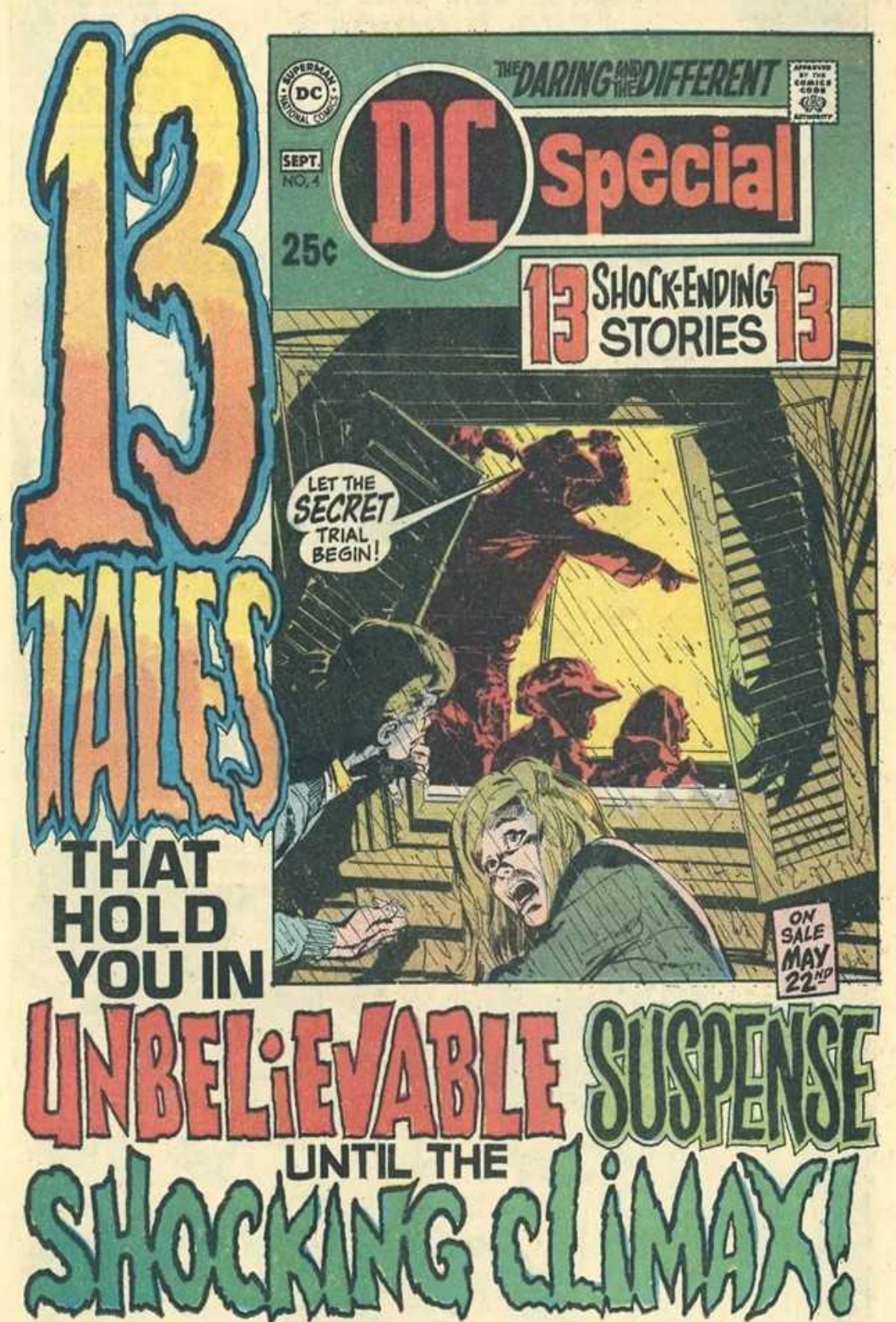
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THE NEXT DAY, STILL ON HER ASSIGNMENT, LOIS ACCOMPANIES WONDER WOMAN TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...
THERE'S THE HOUSE I BOUGHT WITH PART OF THE MONEY MY MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE, GAVE ME! SUPERMAN AND I WILL LIVE THERE AFTER WE'RE MARRIED! BEAUTIFUL, EH?
SURE... IF YOUR NAME IS DRACULA!
LET'S DRIVE UP SO I CAN TAKE SOME PICTURES OF IT!
NO! WAIT UNTIL AFTER I'VE FURNISHED IT! NOW YOU CAN COME AND WATCH ME SHOP!
CONCEALING HER HEARTACHE, LOIS FOLLOWS THE SUPER-AMAZON ON HER SHOPPING TOUR...
I KNOW SUPERMAN WILL LOVE THESE ANTIQUES!
WHAT A TWIST OF FATE! ME... COVERING THE PREPARATIONS OF ANOTHER WOMAN TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
THEY, AT A BRIDAL SALON...
A PERFECT BRIDE FOR SUPERMAN!
THEY'RE TEARING MY HEART TO SHREDS WITH EVERY COMPLIMENT THEY PAY HER! I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE OF THIS!
SUDDENLY...
WHAT IS IT, WONDER WOMAN?
I-ER-FEEL A LITTLE DIZZY... GUESS THE EXCITEMENT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!
AHA! SHE HAS A WEAKNESS, AFTER ALL! AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS!
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LATER, IN THE AFTERNOON...
I TOLD WONDER WOMAN I HAD TO GO BACK TO MY OFFICE TO FILE MY COPY! BUT INSTEAD, I'M STOPPING OFF FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT HER "NIGHTMARE MANOR"!
CIRCLING THE SILENT HOUSE...
THAT'S ODD! THE HOUSE IS IN THE SHADE HERE! BUT SUNLIGHT'S BEING REFLECTED THROUGH THAT BASEMENT WINDOW... IN SPURTS-- LIKE A SIGNAL!
ATTRACTED BY THE PHENOMENON, LOIS INVESTIGATES...
GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S WONDER WOMAN... A PRISONER IN THE BASEMENT! SHE'S CATCHING THE SUN'S RAYS FROM A WINDOW ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE HOUSE... AND REFLECTING IT WITH HER RING AT THIS WINDOW, ON THE SHADED SIDE!
RACING FRANTICALLY FROM ONE WINDOW TO ANOTHER, LOIS TRIES THEM ALL, UNTIL...
LUCKY THIS WINDOW'S LOCK WAS LOOSE! I CAN GET INSIDE THROUGH HERE!
MOMENTS LATER, THE NEWSGAL BURSTS INTO THE BASEMENT...
LOIS! THANK HEAVENS YOU WERE ATTRACTED BY MY SIGNAL! NOW YOU CAN CALL SUPERMAN FOR HELP!
I WAS CAPTURED IN MY MOD SHOP... KAYOED... AND BROUGHT HERE BY A VILLAINESS WHO'S MASQUERADING AS ME!
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JUST AS I FIGURED! I WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THE FALSE WONDER WOMAN WHEN SHE DISPLAYED MORE SUPER-POWERS THAN YOU HAD WHEN YOU WERE SUPER!
THAT'S WHY I BORROWED A SMALL CHIP OF KRYPTONITE FROM JIMMY OLSEN! I KEPT IT IN A LEAD-LINED COMPACT TILL I WAS READY TO USE IT! THEN...

SUDDENLY...
...YOU KNEW I MUST BE FROM KRYPTON! BECAUSE ONLY KRYPTONIANS ARE AFFECTED BY KRYPTONITE! WELL, YOUR DEDUCTION WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE!
WE'RE MAGNETIZED—TO THE BARS!
SSUSSH!!

I AM AR-UAL, OF KRYPTON! AND THIS IS MY STORY! LISTEN...

I WAS IN DESOLATE LAVA VALLEY, ON KRYPTON, BEFORE THAT WORLD EXPLODED, WHEN A DAZZLING SHAPE STREAKED THROUGH THE AIR...
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THE SAND IS TURNING INTO STRAW-BERRIES!
THE PEBBLES ARE MELTING INTO MILK!
THE TWIGS ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO FISH!
WHEN I HAD CHANGED THE LEAVES INTO STEAK...
I'LL KEEP THIS KNOWLEDGE FOR MYSELF! WHAT DO I CARE IF PEOPLE STARVE? WHEN THE RIGHT TIME COMES, I'LL SELL THESE SECRETS, TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS! I'LL BE THE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL PERSON ON KRYPTON!
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BUT, WHEN I GLANCED THROUGH A PORT...
A POLICE PATROL! THEY'LL COMMANDEER EVERTHING FOR THE STATE! AND I'LL BE LEFT WITH NOTHING!
I REMEMBERED SEEING A SELF-DESTRUCT BUTTON ON BOARD...
IF I CAN'T HAVE THIS PRICELESS KNOWLEDGE FOR MYSELF--I'LL MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE ELSE DOES!
DESTRUCT
BZZZ!
I RAN AS FAR AWAY FROM THE ROCKET AS I COULD...
BLAM
THERE! THEY WON'T FIND A SHRED OF EVIDENCE OF THE CRIME I'VE COMMITTED!
OOOHH!
BUT, DESPITE THE EXPLOSION...THE POLICE PIECED TOGETHER ENOUGH FRAGMENTS TO SEE WHAT I HAD DONE...
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IF I COULD GET OUT, UNDER A YELLOW SUN, I'D HAVE SUPER-POWERS! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO ESCAPE!
AND THEN, ONE DAY, WHEN I HAD DRIFTED NEAR THIS WORLD...
AN ALIEN SPACE WARSHIP! HEADING FOR EARTH! THEY MUST PLAN TO ATTACK!
SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A TITANIC ROAR...
THE SHIP EXPLODED! EARTH IS SAVED BY THAT ACCIDENT! BUT BETTER THAN THAT... THE BLAST RIPPED A HOLE IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!
KRAKA-AM!
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE--BEFORE THE RIFT CLOSES UP AGAIN!
AS THE VILLAINESS FINISHES HER FANTASTIC TALE...
USING MY SUPER-POWERS, I CAME TO EARTH... TO TAKE WONDER WOMAN'S PLACE... AND MARRY SUPERMAN! AS HIS WIFE, I'D NEVER BE SUSPECTED OF RULING THE CRIME WORLD!
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AS THE MAGNETIZED CAPTIVES STRUGGLE VAINLY...
WONDER WOMAN- YOU AND I ARE GOING TO CHANGE PLACES FOR GOOD! I'LL PLACE YOU IN THE PHANTOM ZONE... THEN RESUME MY MASQUERADE AS YOU!
LOIS LANE-- THIS IS YOUR LAST MOMENT ON EARTH!

THEN I'LL SPEND IT THINKING OF SUPERMAN! I'LL GO ON LOVING HIM WITH MY LAST BREATH!
THAT WAS YOUR LAST BREATH!

AT THAT MOMENT, BURSTING IN WITH INCREDIBLE FORCE...
MY GUN! MELTING! MY SUPER-POWERS -VANISHING! I FEEL THAT HEAT!
COURTESY OF MY HEAT-VISION! AND THE RED KRYPTONITE DUST I THREW AT YOU!*
IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, LOIS...AND CAUGHT YOUR VOICE WITH MY SUPER-HEARING! I HAD TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!
* THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF RED K CAN REMOVE A KRYPTONIAN'S POWERS FOR 24 HOURS, SINCE IT AFFECTED SUPERMAN ONCE BEFORE, IT CAN'T DO SO AGAIN.—Ed.

HANDS OF STEEL SEIZE THE SUPER-VILLAINESS AS...
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AGAIN THE METROPOLIS MARVEL'S HEAT VISION FLARES OUT, MELTING THE BARS AS IF THEY WERE WAX...
SUPERMAN--I'M DYING TO KNOW WHAT YOU WANTED TO TELL ME!
CAN'T YOU GUESS?

I WANTED TO SAY I'D DECIDED NOT TO MARRY WONDER WOMAN! I CARE TOO MUCH FOR YOU, LOIS!
SO REMEMBER THAT, AR-UAL, WHEN I RETURN YOU TO THE PHANTOM ZONE... YOUR SCHEME WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED, AFTER ALL!

MUCH AS I ADMIRE SUPERMAN, I HOPE YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER BE A COMPETITOR OF YOURS FOR HIS LOVE, LOIS!
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Dear Editor:

Richard Keele, in the letter column in No. 90, is mistaken. As any Metropolitan Opera-goer knows, Mephistopheles *does* summon Helen of Troy to amuse Faust in Gounod's opera. This occurs in the Walpurgisnacht scene, the ballet in seven sections that comes directly after Valentin's death. Mr. Keele can hear the music accompanying Helen's appearance on the Angel recording, or, if he gets to New York, he can see it for himself at the Met.

—Nancy Greene, Cambridge, Mass.

(Thanks for setting things straight on Faust... and giving Richard Keele the devil!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I have been a faithful reader of DC comics since I was seven. I am now 13. I have thoroughly enjoyed every one of your mags. But LOIS LANE No. 90 has left me so disturbed I can hardly think of anything else. Please revive Dahr-Nel! Lois would be so happy with him, happier than she would be with Superman any day. Play up Supie's heartbreak, and then bring in another gal, but please, PLEASE get Dahr-Nel back. Then he and Lois can go into the future, and you can start a new mag about them.

—Jolie Gomes, Van, Tex.

(We think you're wrong—Lois would not be happier with Dahr-Nel, because she didn't really love him. She was angry at Superman and upset when she agreed to go into the future with Dahr. Besides, Lois has been the Man of Steel's girl since he first appeared in 1938. It would be as unthinkable to have her marry someone else as it would be to break up Romeo and Juliet or Antony and Cleopatra!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

LOIS LANE is a more popular comic than I thought. A few issues ago, I had a letter printed in LOIS. Everyone I know saw it. Many of them claim they never read LOIS; if this is so, I wonder how they happened to see my letter?

—Ron Chusid, Southfield, Mich.

(Unless they have E.S.P., they must have sneaked a peek at Lois. Next time you see a pal with a rival comic, look over his shoulder and see if he has a DC hidden inside it.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In LOIS LANE No. 90, Superman says, "Dahr-Nel was unused to his super-powers. He didn't realize he could have flown you through the time-barrier." But Lois knew he could break the barrier. And don't say she was too shook up over Dahr-Nel. Otherwise, it was an excellent story.

—John Baxter, Wichita, Kan.

(The real answer is simple. By the time Dahr finished telling Lois his plan, the dormigen gas had started affecting her; she was getting too sleepy to think straight.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

How come you call the letter column in LOIS LANE "Letters to Lois and Lana," when Lana hardly ever appears any more?

—Reynold Verret, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Just so our flame-haired femme will know that though she may be sidelined for the moment, she's still on our team—and as soon as we find a spot for her, we'll put her back in the game.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Honestly! I'll never understand you DC people! It seems like every other issue of Superman or Lois has the same basic cover idea: you show Lois marrying some guy and Supie is mad and saying something like, "What a fool I am not to have married her when I had the chance! Now I've lost her!" If he realizes he loves her, why wait? Why doesn't he marry her already? He's being completely stupid about the whole thing! And I'm sure I'm not the only reader who feels this way.

—Meredith Sloan, Lakewood, N.J.

(Because, as we've patiently explained before, any gal who married the Man of Might would become Target Number One for over half the killers in the universe. Of course, Clark Kent just might take the plunge into the sea of matrimony one of these days—and if he does, guess who the blue-eyed bride will be?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

The great thing about LOIS LANE is that it emphasizes the romantic side of Superman's life. All the great heroes of literature and mythology seem to have been married, or at least to have had romantic attachments. Jason married Medea; Robin Hood had his Maid Marian; Tarzan wed Jane Porter; the Scarlet Pimpernel was married in his other identity. Even those who didn't marry, like D'Artagnan and the Saint, were real ladies' men. So when Superman romances Lois, he's in good company. But just out of curiosity, I'd like to ask if you know of any hero who never had a romance.

—Gerry McCall, Colorado City, Colo.

(We only know of one—Sherlock Holmes. To him, actress Irene Adler was the woman—but only because she had outwitted him in "A Scandal in Bohemia." Romance had no place in Holmes' life. However, Dr. Watson made up for it. He was married twice! Small wonder Holmes once said to him, "The fair sex is your department."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In issue 89, a pointed blade hit Clark Kent's chest. Supposedly, it was stopped by a steel vest Clark was wearing. But the shirt he wore over the vest wasn't ripped, nor was the blade bent. Explain.

—Dara Jamieson, Washington, D.C.

(We tried, but came up with a blank. It seems our readers are sharper than the blade—and their comments are more pointed.—Ed.)

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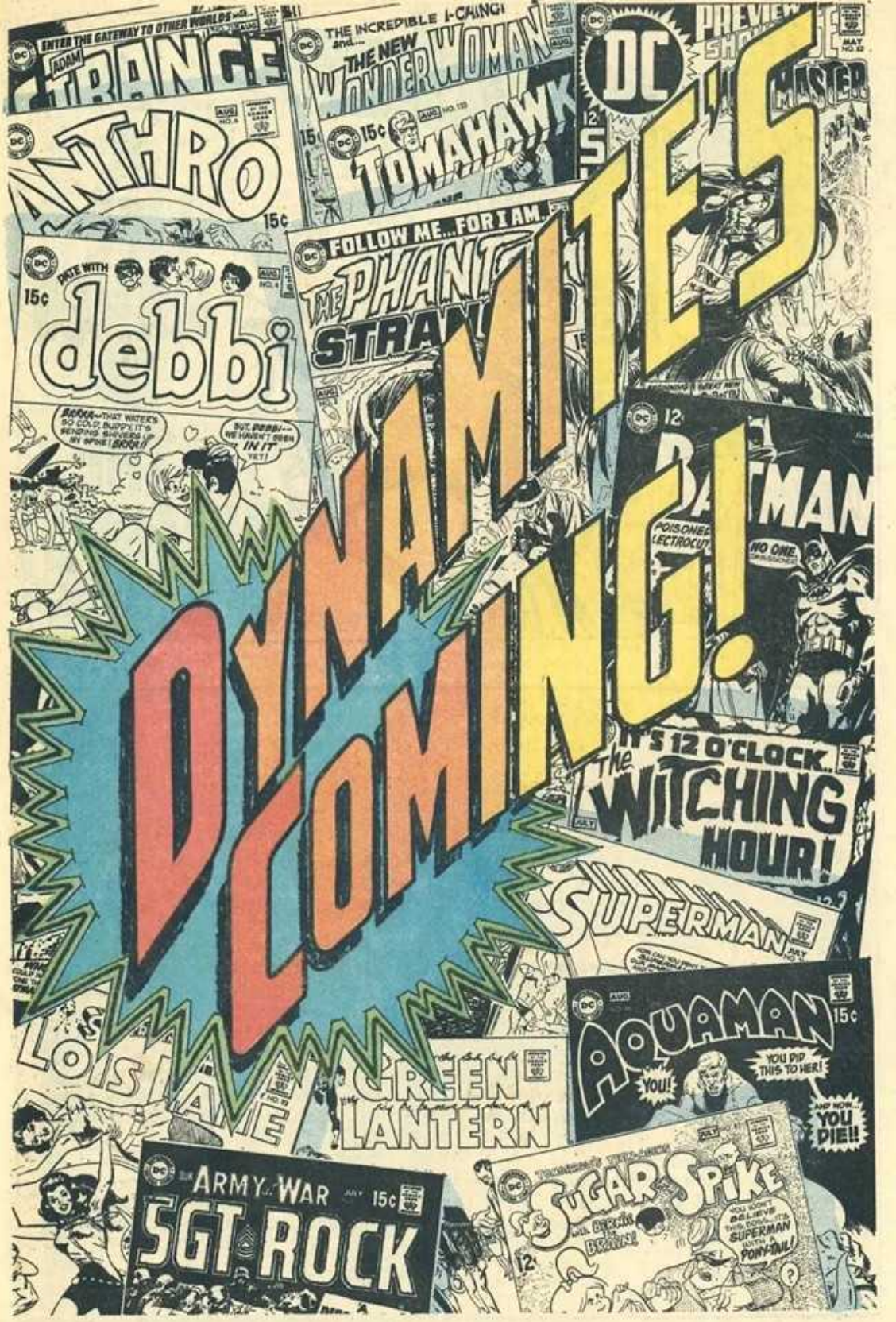
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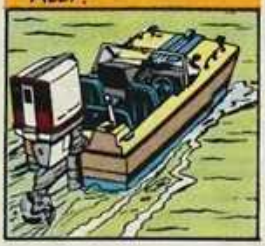
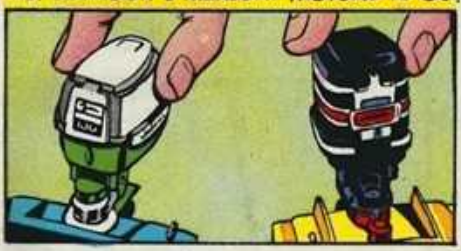


SET THE RENEGADE'S EVINRUDE MOTOR FOR RUNNING MANEUVERS...

OR SET IT FOR TIGHT TURNS!

TILT JOHNSON & MERCURY MOTORS TO GO!



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